

# ATTACHMENT 2

## HRG's Historic Resources Survey Report



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## INTRODUCTION

As part of the City of South Pasadena's ongoing efforts to identify and evaluate potential historic resources, the City received a State of California Certified Local Government (CLG) grant for the period 2013-2014 to prepare an updated Citywide Historic Context Statement.<sup>1</sup> As a follow-up to that effort, in 2015 South Pasadena commissioned a Citywide Historic Resources Survey and Inventory of Addresses Survey Update of all properties/resources constructed through 1972.<sup>2</sup> The survey project was conducted between 2015-2016 in three phases:

1. Phase 1: Caltrans State Route 710 North Area of Potential Effects (APE) as identified in the Draft Environmental Impact Report;<sup>3</sup>
2. Phase 2: Survey of modern resources constructed between 1935 and 1972;<sup>4</sup> and
3. Phase 3: Update the City Inventory of Addresses.<sup>5</sup>

Although the survey was conducted in phases and each phase is discussed separately in this report, the survey findings have been consolidated in order to create an updated City Inventory of Addresses (the "Inventory")<sup>6</sup> from all three phases moving forward. The Inventory consists of all locally eligible properties, including properties that are individually significant, properties that are contributors to historic districts, and properties that are located within potential planning districts.<sup>7</sup> Planning districts and remnant features such as stone walls, bridges, and other improvements have been assigned a 6L status code, indicating that they merit special consideration in the local planning process.

<sup>1</sup> Historic Resources Group, *City of South Pasadena Historic Context Statement*, December 2014.

<sup>2</sup> This date was chosen to be consistent with the periods of significance outlined in the City of South Pasadena Historic Context Statement.

<sup>3</sup> State of California Department of Transportation and the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, *Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Section 4(f) De Minimis Findings*, Volume I and II, March 2015. LSA Associates, Inc. and California Department of Transportation, District 7, *Historical Resources Evaluation Report for the State Route 710 North Study*, December 2014 and accompanying California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) forms for recording historical resources.

<sup>4</sup> This date was chosen to be consistent with the periods of significance outlined in the City of South Pasadena Historic Context Statement.

<sup>5</sup> As of 2017, the City Inventory of Addresses will be referred to as the "South Pasadena Inventory of Cultural Resources."

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<sup>7</sup> The distinction between historic districts and planning districts is discussed in the "Survey Results: Historic Districts" section of this report.

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These properties are included on the Inventory in order to provide clarity to City planners and property owners.

The principal goals of the 2015-2016 historic resources survey are:

- to update the City's out-of-date surveys and the Inventory of Addresses in accordance with applicable criteria and the Multiple-Property Documentation (MPD) framework provided in the 2014 City of South Pasadena Historic Context Statement;
- to conduct surveys of all mid-century-era properties and resources in the City, in light of the themes of significance and property types identified in the Historic Context Statement;
- to carry forward documentation on a select number of outstanding mid-century-era historic districts and individually eligible resources; and
- to create and provide an efficient, user-friendly method for accessing and sharing survey data with the public, stakeholders, Cultural Heritage Commission (CHC), and City staff through the use of state-of-the-art survey techniques and creation of a searchable database and/or Arc-GIS data/shape files easily adapted to the City's Arc-GIS and mapping system.

The project was conducted by professional staff at Historic Resources Group, all of whom meet the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications.<sup>8</sup> It was overseen by John Mayer, Senior Planner, City of South Pasadena, and the Cultural Heritage Commission.

#### **Previous Surveys**

The City Council commissioned the first comprehensive historic resources survey in 1991. The purpose of that survey was to develop an inventory of historic resources and to provide a foundation for their recognition in all future planning processes. The Historic Resources Survey: Inventory of Addresses was adopted by the City Council on November 30, 1994. The Inventory of Addresses includes properties that are designated, formally determined eligible for federal, state, or local listing, or appear eligible for federal, state, or local listing.<sup>9</sup> In accordance with the City's Cultural Heritage

<sup>8</sup> Federal Register, Vol. 48, No. 190, pp. 44738-44739, September 29, 1983.

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Ordinance, all properties on the Inventory are considered historic resources for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

In 2002, the Inventory of Addresses was updated through a reconnaissance-level survey of the City (identified as the Phase I Reconnaissance Level Survey). The 2002 Phase I survey documented 69 potential historic districts and 250 individual properties on Department of Parks and Recreation primary record forms (DPR 523A). In January 2003, Phase II was initiated to complete intensive-level documentation for the multi-phase survey project. Phase II consisted of an intensive-level survey of six potential historic districts, and the documentation of 261 individual properties on Department of Parks and Recreation building, structure, and object forms (DPR 523B).

As of June 2014, there are approximately 2,567 properties (both individual and district contributors) listed in the Inventory of Addresses.<sup>10</sup>

#### **Phase I Survey**

Phase I of the survey included the approximately 325 properties falling within the APE for the Caltrans State Route 710 North Study Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (DEIR/EIS). The DEIR has defined the APE as just above the tunnel imprint, not properties lateral to that imprint that would also be affected. As part of the Programmatic Agreement for the cultural resources study, the State Historic Preservation Officer was consulted regarding the identification of the APE and the survey findings.<sup>11</sup> A letter of concurrence was received from the SHPO on February 25, 2015.<sup>12</sup>

<sup>10</sup> City of South Pasadena, "Inventory of Addresses," June 2014. As of 2017, this list will be referred to as the "South Pasadena Inventory of Cultural Resources."

<sup>11</sup> Programmatic Agreement among the Federal Highway Administration, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the California State Historic Preservation Officer, and the California Department of Transportation Regarding Compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as it Pertains to the Administration of the Federal-Aid Highway Program in California, January 1, 2014.

<sup>12</sup> Correspondence from Carol Rowland-Nawj, State Historic Preservation Officer to Kelly Ewing Toledo, Heritage Resource Coordinator, Caltrans District 7 Division of Environmental Planning, February 25, 2015.

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In addition, the Phase 1 survey looked at potential historic districts that were partially within the APE. A map illustrating the APE and the adjacent historic districts ("Phase 1 Survey Area") is included in Figure 1.

### **Phase 2 Survey**

The Phase 2 survey included a review of all properties and neighborhoods developed between 1935 and 1972<sup>13</sup> in South Pasadena, most of which had not been previously surveyed. All parcels developed during this period are shown in the map in Figure 2. In consultation with the City, a subset of six districts (two potential historic districts and four potential planning districts), and 30 individual resources from this period were documented on the appropriate State of California Department of Parks and Recreation forms for historic resources (DPR forms). Building, Structure, and Object Records (DPR 523B forms) included the appropriate context and theme based on the South Pasadena Historic Context Statement, along with a summary statement of significance. Properties were evaluated for eligibility for federal, state, and local listing. Individual properties, potential historic districts, and potential planning districts were considered. Data for additional properties that were identified during the Phase 2 survey that were not documented on DPR forms has been provided to the City on a "study list" for future survey efforts.

### **Phase 3 Survey**

The Phase 3 survey included the review of properties and neighborhoods already listed on the City Inventory of Addresses (the "Inventory").<sup>14</sup> All properties and districts comprising the existing Inventory are shown in the map in Figure 3. In order to provide consistency with previous evaluations, a subset of the previously-identified properties